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### BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: PROCESS OF SYNCHRONIZATION

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of eighteen (18) pages
- ☒ Two (2) sheets formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority based on application No. 100 27 389.0 filed in Germany on June 2, 2000.
  - ☒ Certified copy is attached hereto.
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☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. ☐ --This nonprovisional application incorporates by reference the subject matter of Application No. filed in on , on which a priority claim is based under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a).--

b. ☐ --This nonprovisional application incorporates by reference the subject matter of U.S. Provisional Application No. on , on which a priority claim is based under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).--

☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)

☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

☒ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

☐ Other:

☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee

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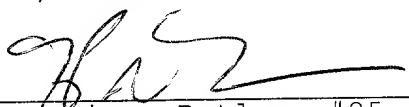
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